

# Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Assistance Update

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
October 23, 2014**

# SMRP Background

- Created through Green Communities Act
- 50% of Waste Energy Credits revenue goes to SMRP Exendable Trust
- Municipal Grant Program – Year 5
- Other SMRP programs: Commercial Assistance, Core Services, Admin

# SMRP Timeline

**Application Issued:** April 1, 2014 (Re-TRAC)

**Grant Info Sessions:** April and May

**Application Deadline:** June 11, 2014

- 188 applications received: 177 municipalities, 6 regional districts and 2 non-profits
- \$4.34 million in requested funds

**Awards Announced:** October 16<sup>th</sup>

- \$2.93 million awarded to 179 applicants

# SMRP Grant Awards

	# Awarded	\$ Awarded
Pay-as-You-Throw or SMART	10	\$856,760
Waste Reduction Enforcement Coordinator	4	\$ 181,000
Curbside Carts (recyclables, food waste)	10	\$ 876,113
Drop-off Equipment (roll-offs, compactors)	13	\$109,506
School Recycling Assistance	2	\$ 57,630
Waste Reduction Projects	3	\$ 185,720
Organics Capacity Projects	1	\$ 500,000
Small Scale Initiatives	158	\$ 161,250

# **SMRP: Next Steps**

**Award letters mailed October 16, 2014 along with grant specific checklist**

**Grant Agreement paperwork issued once completed checklist is returned**

**Beginning development on next grant application**

**Recycling and Solid Waste for CY2014 will be available via ReTRAC 1/1/2015**

Note: Calendar Year 2013 is now posted on the web

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/reports/waste-reduction-and-recycling.html>

# Recycling Dividends Program (RDP)

- Program application issued April 2014 (within SMRP Municipal Application)
- Rewards communities with model recycling programs
- Provides incentives to take strategic steps to improve programs
- Programs in place by June 11, 2014
- NOT reimbursement based

# RDP: Program Structure

- Best practices (criteria framework)
- Each RDP criterion has been assigned a point value
- Point values vary based on demonstrated impact on waste diversion
- Must earn a minimum of 6 points (out of 20 possible) to receive \$\$
- Payments brackets based on number of households served by municipal trash program
- Two criteria categories:
  - Drop-off trash and recycling
  - Curbside trash and recycling

# RDP: Year 1 Results

- 108 Applications Received
- 94 Municipalities Qualified for RDP funds
  - 46 Drop-off trash and recycling
  - 48 Curbside trash and recycling
- Total Earnings: \$359,200
- Letters mailed September 16, 2014
- Contract paperwork returned by 42 towns/cities
- Payments brackets based on number of households served by municipal trash program



# Allowable Use of RDP Funds

Funds intended to support recycling and waste reduction activities, but with some parameters:  
Not for general operating costs

Before payments are released, the authorized signatory will be required to sign a certification

Annual reporting required. Be prepared to be audited.

# Looking Ahead

- Year 2 and 3 Criteria – largely the same
- Payments will increase
- Goal: attract larger communities by increasing stakes
- Years 4 and 5 – criteria likely to increase

# RDP: Payment Brackets

Year 1: Households Served by Municipal Trash Program	Value of Each Point		Year 2 and 3: Households Served by Municipal Trash Program	Value of Each Point
1 – 1,999	\$ 200		1 – 1,999	\$200
2,000 – 7,499	\$ 400		2,000 – 4,999	\$400
7,500 – 14,999	\$ 600		5,000 – 7,499	\$800
15,000 – 24,999	\$800		7,500 – 9,499	\$1,000
25,000 +	\$ 1,200		9,500 – 12,499	\$1,500
			12,500 – 16,999	\$2,500
			17,000 – 24,999	\$3,000
			25,000 – 31,999	\$3,500
			32,000 – 54,999	\$6,000
			55000 +	\$10,000

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